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For : METHOD FOR PREDICTING FUNCTIONS OF PROTEIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Sequence Listing section filed with the application with the Sequence Listing being filed concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.